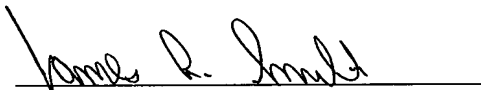


The Examiner states that the aforementioned inventions are distinct because the method can be used to reinforce any structural member. Responsive thereto, applicant has, as previously mentioned, elected claims 1-17, embodied by Invention I, for examination.

SUMMARY

In view of the foregoing remarks, the Examiner is requested to examine claims 1-17 in the present application. If there are any matters that can be clarified or resolved through a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to contact applicant's undersigned attorney at the number indicated.

Respectfully submitted,

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